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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 18 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1-12 as follows:

1. (Amended) A coating mixture for an inkjet paper or inkjet film comprising a dispersion, the dispersion comprising a liquid phase and a solid phase, wherein the solid phase comprises a pyrogenic oxide, and wherein said pyrogenic oxide:

- a) is doped with one or more doping components; and
b) has a BET surface area of between 5 and 600 m²/g.

2. (Amended) The coating mixture of claim 1, wherein said pyrogenic oxide is silica.

3. (Amended) The coating mixture of claim 1, wherein said liquid phase is water.